

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are amended, and claims 2-8, 12-13, and 15-19 are cancelled without prejudice to future prosecution. Therefore, with entry of these amendments, claims 1, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are pending.

B. Support for the Amendments

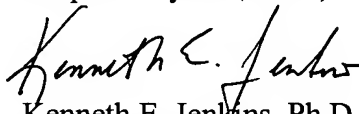
Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, including, for example, at page 19, line 22 to page 20, line 25; and original claim 13.

C. Group Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I for prosecution on the merits. Applicants note that all of the pending claims as amended are directed to the subject matter of Group I (an electrospray ionization method).

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,


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